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SUBJECT: CYPRUS ISSUE AT CSCE

REF:A)STATE 144669 AND 139144; B) BELGRADE 4370.

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST JULY 1 TO REQUEST THAT WE DISSUADE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND GREEKS FROM RAISING THE CYPRUS QUESTION AT THE CSCE MEETING IN BELGRADE. HIS DEMARCHE WAS ALONG THE SAME LINES
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AS PREVIOUS APPROACHES TO DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND COUNSELOR NIMETZ (REF A). ESENBEL ASKED WHETHER WE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR SHERER AS TO LIKELIHOOD OF CYPRUS BEING RAISED AT THE CSCE MEETING, AND AGAIN REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTING THE CYPRUS ISSUE FROM BEING RAISED AT THE UNGA.

DRAWING ON INFORMATION IN REF B, VEST STATED THAT WE THINK CYPRIOTS WILL RAISE CYPRUS ISSUE AT CSCE, AND ADDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO TRY TO DISSUADE THEM. BEST WAY TO AVOID A DISRUPTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE AT BOTH BELGRADE AND THE UNGA WOULD BE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD A CYPRUS SOLUTION. NEXT FEW MONTHS WERE CRUCIAL AND IF NO VISIBLE PROGRESS WERE MADE ON CYPRUS BY THEN, IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DISSUADE ANY-

ONE FROM RAISING SUBJECT ANYWHERE.

2. ESENBEL SAID TURKISH VIEW WAS THAT CYPRUS SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED SOLELY BY TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AND TWO DIRECTLY INVOLVED GUARANTOR POWERS (TURKEY AND GREECE). THERE WAS INDEED INCREASING "INTERFERENCE" BY OUTSIDE POWERS. ESENBEL CITED EEC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE CYPRUS SOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS BY US ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND CLARK CLIFFORD THAT CYPRUS ISSUE CAN BE SOLVED IN 1977. ESENBEL ALSO EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT HOW FREQUENTLY COMMUNIQUEES FOLLOWING HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS, SUCH AS THE RECENT ONE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND GROMYKO, INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO A CYPRUS DISCUSSION.

VEST AGAIN REITERATED THE NEED FOR PROGRESS ON CYPRUS, AND REPLYING TO ALLEGATIONS OF US INTERFERENCE, SAID US HAS NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERFERRED BUT HAS OFFERED TO ASSIST THE PARTIES TO THE EXTENT SUCH ASSISTANCE WAS WELCOME.

3. ESENBEL CITED TURKISH OBJECTIONS TO SECTIONS OF THE REPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND GAVE THE DEPARTMENT, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S REBUTTAL. THE LATTER IS A PONDEROUS TOME ENTITLED "MEMORIAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS". CHRISTOPHER

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